Is It Nothing To You?

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow…" (Lamentations 1:12)

WILT thou then, Sinner, see what sin is, how displeasing to Almighty God? Follow Christ from the *cradle* to the *grave*, through all the acts of His *abasement* and *humiliation*; follow Him more especially from *Gethsemane* to *Calvary*, from the *garden* to the *cross*; behold Him sweating, striving, crying; behold Him betrayed, bound, reproached, buffeted, scourged, and crucified; behold Him in His *agonies*, and earnestly *praying* the *terrible cup* might pass from Him and at last crying *my God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?* And then see if there was any *sorrow like unto His*, Lamentations 1:12 or any evil like unto sin, that He thus suffered for. Canst thou, Sinner, see all this, thy Saviour, the Son of God, thus *suffering*, and thus *distressed*, and not be deeply concerned and afflicted! Hast thou no *trouble*; no *compunction* [no feeling of guilt] for His agonies, no *tears* of *repentance* for His drops of blood, no *indignation* against sin, which He by this means made expiation [complete atonement and redemption] for? And after all wilt thou be as blind and infatuated, as inflexible and obstinate as the deluded Jew that crucified Him, that ravingly cried out, *His blood be on us and our children*; and, [release] *not this Man, but Barabbas*. What a reproach was it to that people, that the rocks were more yielding than they, that the Earth trembled, and the Sun hid its [face] at what they gloried in; that the Heathens declared Him to be *righteous*, whom they accused as a Malefactor, that a thief believed in Him, whom the Scribes and rulers did reject!

And shall we be more unrelenting than they, and by our infidelity and disobedience, our obstinacy, betray to scorn our Saviour and His [doctrine], and nail them as it were to His cross. Cease at length, O impenitent [professing] Christian, the prosecution of thy blessed Saviour, triumph not over Him in His sufferings; trample not [His] sacred blood under thy feet, by which if ever thou must be *sanctified*, and thy *sins forgiven*, and thou eternally saved; from this day begin to love; admire and adore. At length throw down thy arms, and declare that thou art conquer'd by a mighty Love; by the Love of God, in thus sending His Son, and by the Love of His Son, in thus dying for thee [can it be reader?]

Turn all thy displeasure and indignation against thyself, or rather against thy most mortal enemies, the world, the flesh and the Devil, and call upon thy Saviour for His assistance [*Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief,* Mark 9:24]. Dedicate all the [faculties] of thy soul to His service, and say with our victorious Apostle [as he writes] elsewhere, *God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me,* Galatians 6:14. And since we are bought with such an inestimable price, let us glorify God with our bodies and souls which are His [1 Corinthians 6:20]. *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living,* Romans 14:9. Or as it is (in 2 Corinthians 5), *God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him* (2 Corinthians 5:19-21). To whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all Honour, Glory, Majesty, Power and Dominion for ever and ever. Amen. — Copied

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March 13th, 2022

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"…He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (Revelation 21:6)

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"Thou hast put all things in subjection under His feet. For in that He put all in subjection under Him, He left nothing that is not put under Him. But now we see not yet all things put under Him. But we see JESUS, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both *He* that *sanctifieth* and *they* who are *sanctified* are all of One: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren" (Hebrews 2:8-11) Amen!

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!
Bobby Luman, March 20th
Sandra Murphy, March 29th

Resources

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Courage In The Fight

"…It is finished…" "…it is done…"

(John 19:30, Revelation 21:6)

COURAGE in the fight!—Let us draw our strength and our consolation from the Saviour's words *"It is finished* [*it is done*]*."* Our strength: It is easy to fight when the General Himself leads on to the battle. And we have a Saviour who is called the *Captain of our salvation*, because He marches in the [forefront]. Like us, it was through many sufferings that He was made perfect, that He might bring many *sons* unto glory. Cast your eye on Him when ye are weary: see, He goes before, not only as your Leader, but also conquering for you. [The sinner] who keeps ever before his soul the cross of his Lord, His hours of suffering, His *"It is finished,* [*it is done*]*"*—feels a new power stream into his being. And when his knees grow weak, [the Lord] Jesus holds him up: when his head droops, [the Lord] Jesus raises it. Let me then venture upon the conflict, with all its sacrifices; when I shall have fought it out, how blessedly I shall rest! And in the struggle, let His *"It is finished,* [*it is done*]*"* be my consolation as well as my strength. In Him I will find my consolation when my last hour draws near. Conscience will indeed have just ground to accuse me. I ought, more readily, more regardless of consequences, to have borne the cost of building a temple for my Lord; I ought more freely and more devotedly to have given up for His sake all that I possessed; alas, in myself I shall not be able to cry with joy, *"It is finished,* [*it is done*]*."* But, blessed be God, what belongs to the *Head* belongs also to the *members* [of His body]. His life is mine, His sufferings are mine, and mine too will be His victory! Not with my feeble, tremulous, and broken voice, no, but with His, strong, full-toned, and firm, will I raise my joyful cry, *"It is finished!* [*It is done!*]" Amen! — Copied

The Saint's Satisfaction

"…if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

(John 14:2)

When drawing on, and his fainting pulse, and quick breath, showed him entering *the valley of the shadow of death*, he signified his inward composure, by saying, in a pleased tone, *I am going*. Which had he strength to utter, how could he have enlarged upon, in the prospect of that to which he was so near? *"I am going*, from Earth to Heaven, from a Vale of Tears to a Paradise of Joy."—*"I am going*, to see what I have believed; and possess what I have hoped for; and have my prayers answered, and inconceivably out-done in what God hath laid up for them that love Him."—*"I am going*, to a World where there are none sick or sorrowful, pained or die; where I shall live for ever, in the vision and love, and glory of God, and so rejoice for ever: Where I shall never lose the glory to be revealed, and never cease to sing to the honour of [His] grace." And hereupon, laying down his head, he closed his eyes upon this world, and went to know what that *satisfaction* means, that consists in beholding God's face in *Another* [2 Corinthians 4:6]. God grant, we may be followers of them, who through *Faith* and *Patience* inherit the *Promises*; That whenever we are called to die after them, we may, by dying, awake up into the same glory with them [in His blessed presence]. — Copied